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Lakhs witness Nanjangud Pancha Maharathotsava

Devotees gather at Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple as early as 2 am; mega event concludes at 10.50 am

The Gauthama Ratha stands next to the main Gopura of the Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple at Nanjangud during the Pancha Maharathotsava this morning. [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Nanjangud, Apr. 2 (Sunil, RS & BCT)- A sea of humanity converged on the Temple Town of Nanjangud on the banks of River Kapila this morning for the famed *Srikanteshwaraswamy Pancha Maharathotsava (Dodda Jatre)* that passed off peacefully.

Lakhs of devotees cheered as the *Rathotsava* (chariot procession) moved on the streets and there was little space for people to witness the grand spectacle. People looked like ants in the visuals captured on a drone camera.

The *Pancha Maharathotsava* was launched in the auspicious *Meena Lagna* between 6 am and 6.40 am in the presence of MLA B. Harshavardhan, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Tahsildar Shivakumar, Temple Executive Officer Jagadeesh, Assistant Executive Officer Venkatesh and other officials.

(See PANCHA MAHARATHOTSAVA on page 6)

Rs. 18 lakh unaccounted cash seized in Varuna

Mysuru poll teams confiscate Rs. 28,46,665 in cash, Rs. 1.25 crore worth of liquor

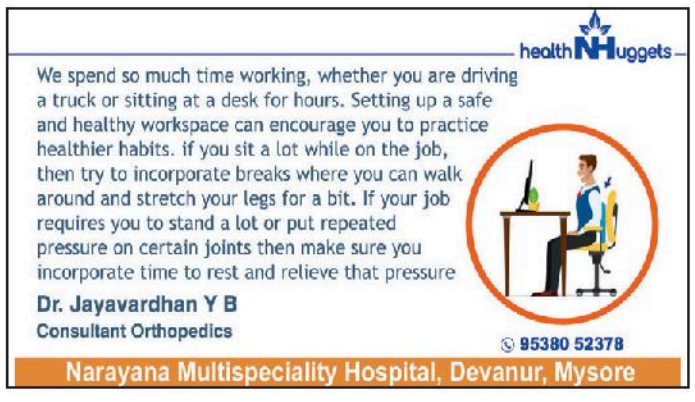
A Police team checking a vehicle on Nanjangud Road yesterday.

Mysuru/Bengaluru, Apr. 2 (BCT)- The Election Commission officials in Karnataka have seized huge amounts of cash, liquor, freebies and drugs in the poll-bound State in the last 24 hours.

In Mysuru's Varuna Constituency, unaccounted cash worth Rs. 18 lakh has been seized and the process is on to hand the cash over to the Income Tax Department. As per the Election Commission guidelines, the Income Tax Department will take over the investigation if cash of more than Rs. 10 lakh is seized.

The cash was seized at a check-post established on the Mysuru-T. Narasipur Highway and was headed towards Varuna Constituency. An investigation is on to ascertain who the cash belonged to and the location to which it was being transported. In all, 45 check-posts have been set up across the district.

(See CASH on page 6)


health NHuggets
We spend so much time working, whether you are driving a truck or sitting at a desk for hours. Setting up a safe and healthy workspace can encourage you to practice healthier habits. if you sit a lot while on the job, then try to incorporate breaks where you can walk around and stretch your legs for a bit. If your job requires you to stand a lot or put repeated pressure on certain joints then make sure you incorporate time to rest and relieve that pressure
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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 2nd April 2023

Lifetime Achievement Awardee

Lions Past District Governor Ln. Dr. D. Prabhamandal was honoured by Lions International with Lifetime Achievement Award for his pioneering work in the field of Lions Quest Teachers Training and SFA Programme Implementation in undivided Multiple District 324 D, for more than two decades, at his residence in city recently. Lions International Director Ln. Vamshidhar Babu, Past International Director Ln. V.V. Krishna Reddy, District Governor Ln. Sreevidya, MQC Dr. S. Nagaraj Rao, Past District Governor Ln. Deviprasad, Vice-District Governor Ln. Subramanya, Mysore Quest Incharge Ln. Ravi Kumar and Ln. Shivaji Rao were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Open communication, which includes listening, occurs when people can openly, clearly, honestly, and fearlessly express their thoughts and ideas to one another. The chief benefits of open communication are that it encourages involvement and engagement, promotes inclusion, and strengthens bonding, all by building trust among those involved. The preconditions for these benefits to accrue are that it should be of the right quality. When communication turns crooked, selfish, scheming, and manoeuvring, it damages relationships.

The importance of communication is largely discussed in modern management curriculum and training, and in the sub-topic of inter-relationship aspects of psychological studies. But two important dimensions of communication — spirituality and ethics — do not get the priority they deserve.

Ethical communication involves communicating in a manner that is transparent, clear, concise, relevant, truthful, honest, listener-oriented, responsible, timed right, and occurs in the right place. It ensures freedom of expression, tolerance of opposing views, and unpleasant deliveries. When communication is grounded in spirituality, it attains its highest quality. Such communication occurs when the persons involved are endowed with spiritual qualities like peace, equanimity, forgiveness, humility, truthfulness, empathy, compassion, altruism, reciprocity, love, and an overall belief in the divine presence in everyone.

The spirituality referred to here is the universal human experience that goes beyond culture, religion, and thoughts. Communication plays a vital role in building, or breaking, a relationship. Communication, in any of its forms — verbal, non-verbal, written, or visual — is essential for building healthy and strong relationships. Communication contents are invariably influenced by the culture and conditioning of the communicator, and as such, have to be understood in the proper context.

—AVR Rao in Deccan Herald

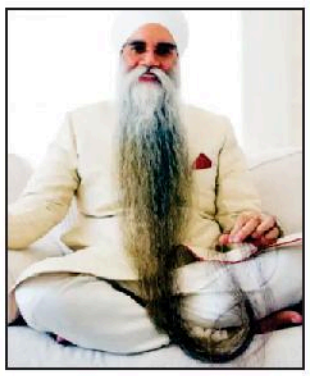
NEWS SPARKLERS

Triple Amputee Bodybuilder

New Delhi: A 23-year-old man from Pune who lost both his legs and one arm in an electric shock in 2016 now participates in many body-building competitions. Suraj Gaywal is a triple amputee bodybuilder who often posts pictures and videos of his progress and inspires his 86.3K followers on Instagram.

Gaywal has participated in various competitions including Sheru Classic 2022, Mr. India 2022 and Mr. Universe 2022. He is inspiring people to follow their dreams and passion without making excuses. A video of him is going viral on the internet. The text on the video reads, "PV: Bodybuilding is not a game, it's an emotion."

Man with world's longest beard



Canada: Measuring 2.54 m (8 ft 3 in), Sarwan Singh's glorious beard has earned him the record title for the longest beard on a living person (male) — for a third time! The Canadian resident initially had his beard measured in 2008, when it was 2.33 m (7 ft 8 in) long, smashing the previous record of 1.77 m (5 ft 9 in) held by Birger Pellas (Sweden). Sarwan then had his beard measured again on the set of Lo Show dei Record in Rome, Italy in 2010, extending his record with a beard of 2.495 m (8 ft 2.5 in).

But when re-measured on 15 October 2022, it had grown even longer. It's a little greyer these days, but more fabulous than ever. Sarwan, who practices Sikhism, has never trimmed his beard. "From the early age of 17 since the beard started growing in, I've kept it the same way," says Sarwan Singh.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Many kidneys diseases are reversible with early treatment. But chronic kidney disease cannot be reversed, once it sets in. However, its progression can be slowed down with timely intervention.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P T, Consultant - Nephrology
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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

JSS Dental College PG students bag prizes in National Meet

Mysuru, Apr. 2- The Post-Graduate (PG) students of Department of Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry, JSS Dental College and Hospital, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, have won laurels in the National Convention organised by Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry at Saveetha Dental College & Hospital, Chennai, recently.

Nine PG students won awards in various categories. **Dr. Sreejeeta Dey** guided by Dr. Seema Deshmukh was selected for the award category in the paper presentation.

In the scientific poster category, first-year PG students **Dr. Saisaumya Tiwari, Dr. Shruti Shukla** and **Dr. L.V. Aarthi** were awarded first, second and third prizes respectively. They were guided by Dr. Raghavendra Shanbhog, Dr. B. Nandlal and Dr. Seema Deshmukh respectively.

Second-year PG students **Dr. Gunica Harjai** guided by Dr. Raghavendra Shanbhog and **Dr. S.D. Suman** guided by Dr. Seema Deshmukh were awarded first and second prizes respectively in the scientific paper presentation category.

Third-year PG students **Dr. Arundhati Banerjee** guided by Dr. Seema Deshmukh, **Dr. Namratha** guided by Dr. M.S. and **Dr. K.P. Ashwini** guided by Dr. Raghavendra Shanbhog received 3rd prize in the scientific oral presentation category.

REALLY...?

- ***Have you ever wondered how lizards walk across the ceiling or up walls? Geckos have microscopic hairs on the bottom of their feet. They help them stick to things which makes them great climbers.***
- ***Most lizards have the ability to swim. The green basilisk lizard can do one better... They can run on water!***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

"What are you reading?" *asked the Prison Librarian.*
"Nothing much," *replied Raju, the prisoner.*
"Just the usual escape literature !!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.12
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.38
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.36
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.27

VOICE OF THE READER

Tips to improve services of Trin-Trin in Mysuru

Sir,

I am writing to bring to light the current state of Trin-Trin public bicycle sharing system in Mysuru.

This system, introduced in 2016, has been a great asset to the students and general public by providing a convenient and affordable mode of transportation. However, lately, the services provided at the docking stations have been far from satisfactory.

The cycles have become old, and their seats need to be in better condition, making it uncomfortable for the users. The most pressing issue is the malfunctioning of the sensor slots at the docking stations. This means that the cyclists have to call Trin-Trin office to release bicycles, but most of the time, the operators do not answer the calls, leaving the cyclists in a state of helplessness.

To improve the services provided by Trin-Trin, I suggest the following actions be taken:

• Repairs and maintenance of the docking stations are necessary to ensure the cycles' smoother and more efficient release.

• Upgrading the cycles to new, well-maintained ones with comfortable seats makes the experience more enjoyable for the users.

• Improving customer support by training operators to respond promptly to customer calls and equipping them with the tools and information to handle customer requests effectively.

• Increasing the number of docking stations in various locations in the city to make the service more accessible to the public and reduce waiting time for cyclists.

• Encouraging feedback from users to make improvements and ensure the services provided meet their needs.

By implementing these suggestions, the services provided by Trin-Trin will significantly improve and become a more convenient and enjoyable experience for the students and the general public.

A functional and user-friendly public bicycle sharing system will not only benefit the community, but also encourage the use of sustainable transportation.

—N.S. Harinarayana
K.R. Vanam
30.3.2023

Vedike to launch 'BJP Alisi, Meesalati Ulisi' campaign tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (PM&BS)- Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagrutha Vedike will launch 'BJP Alisi, Meesalati Ulisi' (Get rid of BJP and Save Reservation) campaign tomorrow (Apr. 3).

Addressing media persons at Pathrakartara Bhavana in the city recently, Vedike President K.S. Shivaramu said that the campaign has been planned as RSS and BJP have hatched a conspiracy to cancel reservation under Category 2A, as a memorandum submitted to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to hike the percentage of quota under Category 2A, after launching a struggle, has gone unheard.

The Vedike welcomes allotment of six percent reservation under Category 2C and seven percent reservation under Category 2D. But, there is no benefit even after launching a struggle to hike the quota under Category 2A comprising 197 backward classes according to the population, he alleged.

Under Category 2B, the religious minorities were eligible for four percent reservation. Now, it has been cancelled and included under 10 percent reservation given for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS). With this the reservation for Muslims stands cancelled, which hints at the revocation of reservation under Category 2A in the coming days. There is a guideline not to include the Backward Classes in the list of Central Government to EWS reservation list. Even Muslims come under Central list, but they have been brought under EWS reservation, by the State Government, which is invalid, he alleged.

After launching the campaign, a meeting will be conducted on Apr. 6 to chalk out plans to extend the campaign, he added.

District Savita Samaja President N.R. Nagesh, District Kumbarara Sangha President H.S. Prakash, District Uppara Sangha President Yogesh Uppara, Vishwakarma Yuva Vedike President Kendaganna Swamy, State Secretary of KPCC - OBC Wing Harish Moganna, Backward Class leaders R.K. Ravi and Mahesh were present at the press meet.

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Karnataka Assembly elections on May 10

Know where and how to enrol in voter list

Mysore Open Forum initiative to educate people on significance of enrolment, exercising franchise

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (BS)- With the elections to State Legislative Assembly scheduled on May. 10, Deputy Commissioner's office that also serves as the District Electoral Office (DEO), is taking all steps to increase the percentage of polling, by taking various awareness measures under Systematic Voters Enrolment and Electoral Participation (SVEEP).

Mysore Open Forum that recently hosted a talk 'A citizen initiative on corrupt electoral systems in India and the ways to reform it,' is keen on educating the people on the significance of voting, as enrolling in the voter's list is mandatory to exercise the franchise. **The new voters can enrol till Apr. 11, as announced by Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, also the Returning Officer for the elections.**

Who can register as voter in India?

Any Indian citizen who has attained the age of 18 as on Jan. 1, 2023. The citizens can enrol himself/ herself as General Voter by filling Form 6 **online** at National Voters' Service Portal. Even the registered voters can follow the status of enrolment.

How and where to register?

Fill two copies of Form 6, which is also available free of cost offline at the offices of Electoral Registration Officers/ Assistant Electoral Registration Officers and Booth Level Officers at the **Election Wing of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).** It is applicable for those residing in the Constituencies in MCC limits namely Krishnaraja, Chamaraja and Narasimharaja. For other constituencies coming under rural limits including Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency, the respective **Taluk Offices** have the facility.

The application, accompanied by copies of relevant documents, can be filed in person before the concerned Electoral Registration Officer/ Assistant Electoral Registration Officer or sent by post addressed to him **(Commissioner, MCC, Mysuru)** or can be handed over to the Booth Level Officer (BLO) of your respective polling area.

Form 6: The general voters must fill the Form, which is also applicable for 'First time voters' and **'voters who have shifted to another constituency'.**

Form 6A: NRI voters

Form 7: For the deletion or objection in electoral roll

Form 8: For any change in (Name, Photo, EPIC Number, Address, Date of Birth, Age, Name of Relative, Type of Relation, Gender).

Form 8A: In case of shifting from one place of residence to another place of residence within the same Constituency.

Voter list is continuously updated till the last date of filing of nominations by the candidate.

Documents required for registration

The photocopies of documentary proof of age and residence — **Aadhaar card** issued by Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), **Driving Licence** and **PAN card.**

Dial 1077 - DC Office Control Room

Dial 1950 - Electoral Rolls Helpline

More details on ***https://ecisveep.nic.in/***

SVEEP Nodal Officer visits low voter turnout booths

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (BCT)- In the 2018 elections, there were 24,32,338 voters in Mysuru and the total votes polled were 18,41,575, recording 75.7 percent voting. Efforts are on this time to increase the voting percentage through various awareness programmes.

In this connection, State SVEEP Nodal Officer P.S. Vastrad yesterday visited some of the booths that witnessed low voting percentage and discussed strategies to improve the vote percentage. Vastrad was accompanied by District SVEEP Nodal Officer K.M. Gayathri, who is also the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO.

As per the Election Commission of India (ECI) directions, after identifying the polling booths with low voter turnout, officials must find out the cause for low voter turnout in these booths. The ECI has asked officials to initiate

steps to increase voter turnout and also to increase facilities for the voters to come and vote in larger numbers than in the previous polls.

The ECI team also wanted officials concerned to increase voter turnout in polls through creation of awareness on voting and wanted officials concerned to make use of technology to draw more voters to the polling booths. They wanted the officials to draw the attention of young voters.

The SVEEP team visited a Soliga tribal colony in Jayapura Gram Panchayat limits where Vastrad asked officials to make all necessary arrangements for a ramp (for physically challenged voters) in the booth in the colony and ensure other facilities.

Interacting with the Soliga tribals, Vastrad told them to vote without fail and speak to the local authorities if they have any concerns about polling. He advised them to call the helpline '1950' for assistance.

ZP Deputy Secretary (Development) Dr. M. Krishnaraju, Assistant Director Vishwanath, Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer H.D. Girish, Assistant Director K.M. Raghunath, PDO Basavanna and others were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

Appointed as INTUC District President

N. Puttaiah, a resident of 3rd Cross, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru, has been appointed as the new Mysuru District President of INTUC (Indian National Trade Union Congress), the Trade Union Wing of Congress party. His appointment has come into effect from Mar. 13, 2023. For details, contact Mob: 98869-60301.

Mysore University Ph.D awardees

G. Srikumar has been awarded Ph.D in Management Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'An Evaluation of Strategies for Sustainable Tourism in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Manoj Kumara.

M. Visweswaraiah has been awarded Ph.D in Economics & Co-operation by the UoM for his thesis 'Performance of Primary Co-operative Agricultural and Rural Development Banks in Karnataka State.' [Guide: Dr. S. Mahendrakumar]

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Yesterday	:	96.55	feet
Inflow	:	408	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,074	cusecs

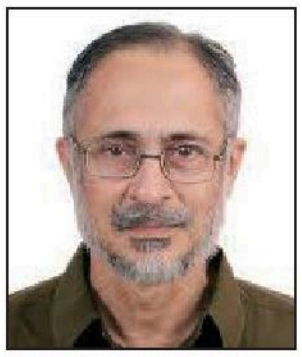
KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,258.90	feet
Inflow	:	65	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,263	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,822.37	feet
Inflow	:	63	cusecs
Outflow	:	100	cusecs

A place called 'away' is at the end of a rainbow



By Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.G. Vombatkere

A voluntary group of citizens, under the banners of Parisara Balaga and Chamundi Betta Ulisi Samiti, has been working and agitating to protect, preserve and save the religious, environmental and heritage ambience of Chamundi Hill.

They seek to especially protect the immediate surroundings of Chamundeshwari Temple and other temples, from the tourism-based development, which the Government of Karnataka is undertaking.

At present, groups of these citizens regularly visit Chamundi Hill and laboriously collect the garbage thrown by tourists who drive up the road to Chamundeshwari Temple. But commercial tourism is a non-stop source of garbage, which volunteers keep collecting.

Garbage, Junk, Waste, Rubbish

The four words abbreviated to 'GJWR' are unwanted solid, liquid or gaseous matter, disposed of on land/underground, in water bodies and into the atmosphere. GJWR is unendingly generated by the economic activity of households, vehicles on land, sea and air, and industrial-commercial-business establishments.

It is not commonly appreciated that every industrially manufactured product is finally GJWR — plastic, paper, pins, pens, phones, laptops, cars, aeroplanes, ships, you name it. The fuel and materials consumed at various stages of manufacture of every single product, show up as GJWR and remain unwanted or dangerous for periods ranging from weeks to hundreds of years, and for nuclear wastes, thousands of years.

To keep their cities and surroundings clean, some 'advanced' countries export their city civic garbage, dead lead-acid batteries, and even nuclear waste, to countries which have lax laws, and corrupt politicians/ bureaucrats. Their industrial discharge into the atmosphere over the decades is the prime reason for global warming.

Away with GJWR!

Unwanted plastic items, medicine foils, food-packaging aluminium, thermocol packing, batteries, etc., are thrown away into a waste bin. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) arranges to take our GJWR away to the city garbage dump. Our 'away' is a distant, out-of-sight-and-smelly place, although it is within smelling and visual distance of somebody's residence like Mysuru's Vidyaranyapuram.

In India, larger durable consumer goods are stripped down by junk dealers, but finally, reach one or another 'away' in whatever form or condition.

The Government has decreed that vehicles more than 15 years old will not be permitted to use the roads. This measure may reduce air pollution in the short term. But in any case, the vehicles will one day be 'consumed,' that is, become unusable/ unrepairable, and disposed of in some 'away' place.

Thus every industrial product (including recycled GJWR) finally reaches one 'away' or another, in solid, liquid or gaseous form, on or under the ground, in the ocean, or in the atmosphere of our Planet. Undeniably, consumption — of whatsoever — leads to pollution in some form in some places.

Who generates GJWR?

Persons having greater disposable incomes use more industrial products and generate more GJWR. So do the more industrialised and wealthy 'advanced' countries. Of course, low-income folks also generate GJWR, but much less on a per capita basis, because they consume less due to less disposable income.

City dumps

Municipal Corporations handle GJWR using a combination of Scientific, Technological and Administrative (STA) measures. GJWR of every metro and city is spread over many hectares of land. The piled GJWR spontaneously ignites, emitting toxic fumes. When the fire is extinguished, GJWR smoulders and continues to emit toxic fumes.

Recently, the National Green Tribunal imposed Rs. 100-crore fine on the Kochi Municipal Corporation as compensation for continued neglect, after Kochi was choked with toxic fumes from burning GJWR on its Brahmapuram waste dump.

The fine amount is paid by the Municipal Corporation out of revenue from citizens' taxes and other public money sources. The State Chief Secretary is to use the fine amount for remediation measures, including public health issues caused by toxic fumes.

Ironically, the people who generated GJWR are themselves affected by the negligent management of their GJWR, and now have to pay a fine from their public sources, to improve the management of their ever-increasing GJWR.

A metro like Mumbai generates 7,000 tonnes of GJWR daily. Even if there is no Kochi-like crisis, eventually the waste dump area will get filled, and the Municipality will need to find another multi-hectares 'away' land. Even the best STA measures cannot prevent that new 'away' land from getting overfull at some time, as GJWR grows in mass and volume.

We are fast approaching the stage — if we haven't already reached it — when there is no more land available for GJWR dumping, howsoever efficient the STA methods used.

The reality

Unfortunately, dealing with GJWR is simplistically understood as using STA methods for handling disposal, civic hygiene, and improving water and air quality. It escapes the understanding of our leaders that this is reactive and always inadequate, because of the unending, growing source of GJWR from growing consumption.

We need to think about whether we are looking at the wrong end of the problem. It is a glaring reality that improving STA methods to deal with GJWR, is not working anywhere in the world. City garbage dumps fill up and demand more land, plastics choke huge regions of the ocean, and atmospheric CO_2 (Carbon dioxide) levels grow. It is as futile as trying to dry a floor with a mop without shutting off the tap which is discharging water onto the floor.

Chamundi Hill

Reverting to Mysuru's Chamundi Hill, and even while greatly appreciating the brave and difficult efforts of voluntary groups to clear the garbage, we need to accept that it is futile to laboriously mop up garbage without shutting off the discharge of garbage by commercial tourism.

The only solution is to stop commercial tourism on Chamundi Hill and scrap the Government's 'development' plans for encouraging tourism. But it is necessary to improve genuine pilgrimage access to Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Hill, and preserve the religious sanctity of the heritage precinct and its physical environment.

Will Chamundeshwari bless GTD with a hat-trick victory?

By S.B. Devaraj

Mysuru, Apr. 2- Chamundeshwari Constituency, which is geographically mostly rural and less urban, is poised to witness a keen battle this time between three major parties — BJP, Congress and JD(S).

While sitting JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) will contest again from Chamundeshwari, the Congress and the BJP are yet to announce their candidates for the May 10 Assembly polls.

Though the Constituency has a sizeable Vokkaliga population, other communities such as Lingayats, Kurubas, SC/STs, Brahmins, Vishwakarmas, Kodavas, Muslims and Christians too play a significant role in deciding the fate of the contestants.

Chamundeshwari has been in the news during every Assembly poll for one reason or the other. The last time (2018) for the then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's contest from here in a high-stake battle, which he, however, lost to GTD.

In fact, it was Chamundeshwari Constituency that gave a re-birth to former Siddharamaiah as he won the 2006 by-election from here, contesting on a Congress ticket for the first time after he quit the JD(S), albeit by a wafer-thin margin (257 votes) in a bitterly fought contest between the then ruling JD(S)-BJP Coalition Government and the Opposition Congress.

The 2018 Assembly poll was a real test for Siddharamaiah, who as the CM in 2018, contested on a Congress ticket from Chamundeshwari, which he had represented many times in the past. However, Siddharamaiah lost by a huge margin of 36,000 votes to GTD of the JD(S).

But Siddharamaiah managed to scrape through in another Constituency from which he contested — Badami in Bagalkot district — which turned out to be a saving grace for him.

Chamundeshwari Constituency is a blend of rural and urban areas. While the Constituency has several layouts in the outer limits of the city, many villages of the taluk form a large chunk of the Constituency, which was first formed in 1967.

K. Puttaswamy, the first MLA and an influential Congress leader then went on to become a Minister in S. Nijalingappa's Cabinet and again in Veerendra Patil-headed Government in the early part of 1972.

With multiple aspirants for the seat from the Congress and BJP camps, both parties have been finding it difficult to choose their candidate to take on GTD. While Arun Kumar Gowda, Hemanth Kumar Gowda and Kaveesh Gowda, son of former Congress MLA Vasu, are seeking the BJP ticket, senior Congress leader Mavinhalli Siddegowda, former ZP President K. Marigowda and District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar are the strong aspirants for the Congress ticket.

While GTD is fighting to score a hat-trick victory, Congress is looking to regain the seat and the BJP is seeking to win the seat for the first time.

FROM 1967 TO 2018 - WINNERS ALL

Year	Victors	Party	Number of votes
1967	K. Puttaswamy	Congress	15,721
1972	K. Puttaswamy	Congress	20,981
1978	Jayadevaraja Urs	Congress(I)	20,529
1983	Siddharamaiah	Independent	26,614
1985	Siddharamaiah	Janata Party	33,725
1989	M. Rajashekara Murthy	Congress	42,892
1994	Siddharamaiah	Janata Party	76,823
1999	A.S. Guruswamy	Congress	57,107
2004	Siddharamaiah	Janata Dal (S)	90,727
2006 (by-election)	Siddharamaiah	Congress	1,15,512
2008	M. Satyanarayana	Congress	55,828
2013	G.T. Devegowda	Janata Dal (S)	75,864
2018	G.T. Devegowda	Janata Dal (S)	1,21,325

Know Your Constituency

VOTER DATA

Chamundeshwari Assembly seat is among the biggest ones in the State, having an electoral strength of 3,22,424 voters, who include 1,60,925 males, 1,61,468 females and 31 other voters. There are 337 polling booths and in 2018, of the total 2,95,816 voters, 2,24,968 (76.05 percent) had exercised their franchise.

Palace neighbourhood Krishnaraja to witness a triangular contest

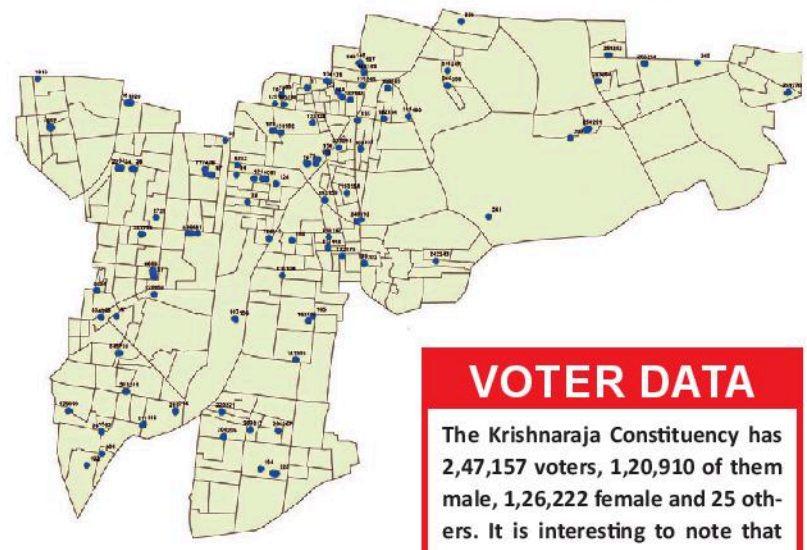
By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, Apr. 2- The Krishnaraja Constituency of the city may witness a triangular contest this time. S.A. Ramdas of the BJP is the sitting MLA and is eyeing his fifth win from here. Ramdas had previously won from here in 1994, 1999, 2008 and 2018.

The Constituency covers as many as 19 Wards of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) including areas in the heart of the city such as Agrahara, Lakshmipuram, Sunnadakeri, Gundu Rao Nagar, Siddarthanagar, Alanahalli, Chamundipuram, Krishnamurthypuram, Vidyaranyapuram, Jayanagar, Ashokapuram, Vishweshwaranagar, J.P. Nagar, Srirampura, Aravindnagar, Vivekanandanagar, Ramakrishnanagar, Kuvempunagar, Kurubarahalli, etc.

While the JD(S) has already declared K.V. Mallesh, a former MCC Corporator of the Lingayat community as its candidate, the BJP and the Congress are yet to announce their candidates.

Krishnaraja Constituency is known for low voter turnout ever since its formation. The Constituency recorded a poor voting percentage at 58.76 percent in the 2018 Assembly polls and the authorities have launched a widespread campaign to educate the voters on the importance of their votes.



The Constituency has been witnessing a direct battle between Congress and the BJP for the past few years. But this time, the JD(S) candidate K.V. Mallesh is making a serious bid to wrest the seat, which is considered the stronghold of the two National parties.

The Congress has won here 7 times, the BJP 5 times, the erstwhile Janata Party 2 times and JD(S) and independents one time each, in the 16 elections held thus far. With such a record of political parties, it is to be seen which party will have control over the Constituency in next month's Assembly polls — whether the BJP will be able to retain the seat, the Congress regain the seat or the JD(S) springs up a surprise.

The new entrant to electoral politics, the Aam Admi Party (AAP) too is trying its luck here for the first time and it is to be seen what impact the party could make in this Constituency, which has a large number of educated voters.

VOTER DATA

The Krishnaraja Constituency has 2,47,157 voters, 1,20,910 of them male, 1,26,222 female and 25 others. It is interesting to note that women outnumber men voters in this key Constituency of the city, with most parts of it being around the famed Mysore Palace and old as well as new localities. There are 265 polling booths and there are 1,436 specially challenged voters, 2,940 new voters and 12,174 voters above 80 years of age.

FROM 1952 TO 2018 - VICTORS

Year	MLAs	Party
1952	B. Narayanaswamy	Congress
1957	K.S. Suryanarayana Rao	Congress
1962	K.S. Suryanarayana Rao	Congress
1967	Sahukar Chennaiah	Independent
1972	D. Suryanarayana	Congress
1974 (by-poll)	Venkatalingaiah	Congress
1978	H. Gangadharan	Janata Party
1983	H. Gangadharan	BJP
1985	Vedanta Hemmigae	Janata Party
1989	K.N. Somasundaram	Congress
1994	S.A. Ramdas	BJP
1999	S.A. Ramdas	BJP
2004	M.K. Somashekar	JD(S)
2008	S.A. Ramdas	BJP
2013	M.K. Somashekar	Congress
2018	S.A. Ramdas	BJP

Nanjangud Pancha Maharathotsava

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The *Pancha Maharathotsava* involves the pulling of five *Rathas* or chariots dedicated to different Gods, by devotees, to the accompaniment of sacred chants and traditional music. The *Gauthama Ratha*, the biggest of the *Pancha Rathas*, stood almost 100 ft. tall and weighed about 120 tonnes.

Before the launch, all the associated pujas and rituals were performed to the presiding deity by a team of priests led by Nagachandra Dikshit. *Srikanteshwaraswamy Gautama Ratha, Parvathi Ammanavara Ratha* and Ganesha, Subramanya and *Chandikeshwaraswamy Rathas*, constitute the *Pancha Maharathas* and were specially decorated for the occasion.

The *Rathotsava*, which commenced from the Temple, passed through all the *Ratha Beedhis* (chariot streets) and other prominent streets of the town covering a distance of 1.5 km, with devotees flocking the streets to have a closer glimpse of the deities.

Soon after the puja rituals including the *Bali Puja* were completed, the chariot carrying the idol of Lord Ganesha started its journey first along the main streets of Nanjangud and was followed by the chariots of Lord Srikanteshwara, Lord Chandikeshwara, Lord Subramanya and Goddess Parvathi *(Ammanavaru). Utsava Murthis* of the temple deities were kept inside the respective chariots.

All the chariots reached the Temple premises after moving around the town and hundreds of newly weds had gathered on the road to seek blessings, apart from the town residents and other devotees climbing on buildings, vehicles and trees to witness the grand spectacle. Specially made ropes measuring 300 ft. were held by hundreds of devotees to pull the chariots along the 1.5 km procession route.

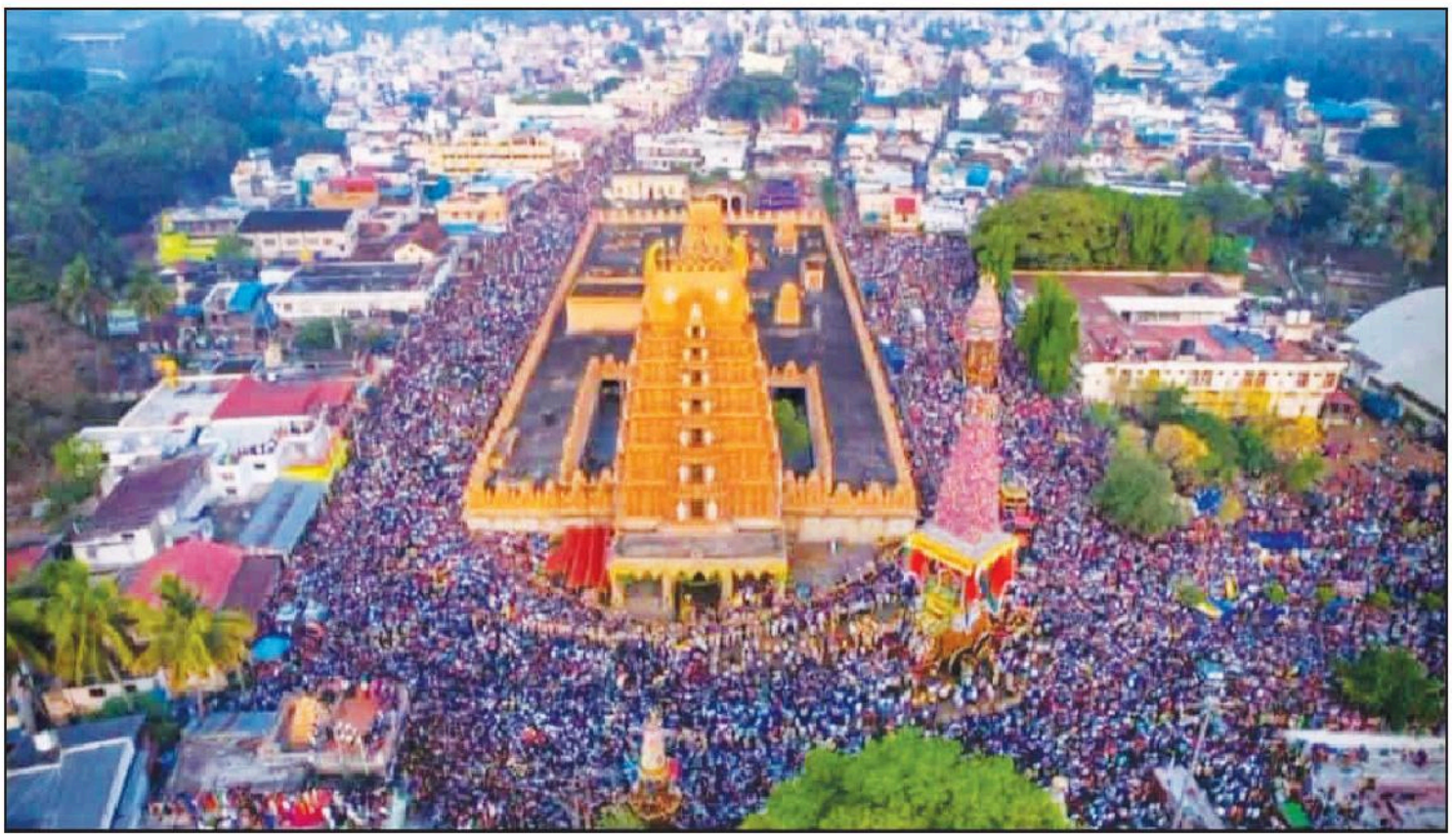
The *Ammanavara Ratha* was delayed by over 15 minutes as it was stuck near the *Rakshasa Mantapa*. However, it was pulled out with the help of cranes and earth movers. The Police had set up six watch towers to watch over the movement of the chariots and the people.

More than 60 CCTV cameras were fixed at vantage points including at Bathing Ghat of Kapila River, *Ratha Beedhis*, M.G. Road, Rashtrapathi Road, etc. and over 500 Policemen maintained order.

The town witnessed long traffic jams that were cleared only hours after the grand event.

The entire Temple was specially illuminated last night and so were all the prominent streets, Circles, junctions and Government buildings of the town.

After the Rathotsava concluded, *prasadam* was distributed among the devotees at Dasoha Bhavan.



An aerial view of Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud this morning.

Police Flag Day celebrated in city

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (MTY&KS)- "The Police Flag Day, which was being celebrated like a festival earlier, is losing its importance as the Police personnel do not have the interest to collect donations and the public not interested to give donations," said retired Inspector General of Police (IGP) K.T. Balakrishna.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the Police Flag Day celebration, organised jointly by Mysuru City Police, Mounted Police, Karnataka Police Academy, Mysuru District Police, Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) 5th Battalion, Police Training School, State Intelligence, Directorate of Civil right Enforcement (DCRE), Lokayukta, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) and Internal Security Division (ISD) at City Armed Reserve (CAR) Parade Grounds at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

The retired IGP said that earlier, the Police were collecting donations in their respective jurisdictions, but now they are hesitant to collect the same due to various reasons. With Assembly polls nearing, he called upon the Police personnel to be prepared and work accordingly.

The retired IGP said that this day is also announced as the Welfare Day for retired Police officials and staff during which small flags are sold and the amount got from it will be used to extend help for retired Police staff.

In 1963, Mysuru was considered as a large State, Acts were modified and a Committee was formed to bring in uniform Acts. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, on Apr. 2, 1965, uniform Acts were brought and in this backdrop, the day is celebrated as Police Flag Day.

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh affixed a Police Flag Day sticker to the coat of the retired IGP, who also donated money and retired Police personnel were felicitated on the occasion.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, City Armed Reserve (CAR) DCP Maruthi, Mounted Police DCP Shivaraj and other Police officials were present.

Rs. 18 lakh unaccounted cash seized in Varuna

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Till now, the Mysuru Police have seized Rs. 28,46,665 in cash and 152 flying squads have been deployed. In addition, there are 149 Static Surveillance Teams and 14 excise teams. The Excise Department has seized 60.15 litres of liquor and Rs. 21,934 in cash. In all, 142.06 litres of liquor have been seized by the Excise and Police teams. Rs. 53,784 in cash has also been seized.

As per a note from the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, a total of Rs. 31,80,165 cash and Rs. 1.25 crore of liquor have been seized. The flying squads of the Election Commission and the Police authorities have been checking vehicles across district borders as the Model Code of Conduct came into force.

According to a note from the State Election Commission, flying squads and the Police have seized Rs.7,07,79,207 cash, 1,156.11 litres of liquor worth Rs. 5,80,007, drugs worth Rs. 21,76,950 (39.25 kilograms) and freebies worth Rs. 9,58,68,772 and booked 172 FIRs. The Income Tax Department has seized cash worth Rs. 3,90,00,000.

The Excise Department also recovered liquor and drugs in various parts of Karnataka. They have seized 1,93,051 litres of liquor worth Rs.11,66,14,868, and 12 kg of drugs worth Rs. 1,81,610. The Department also seized 150 different types of vehicles which were used for transportation. The Election Commission also announced that a total seizure came up to Rs. 39,38,44,847 which include cash, material, liquor and drugs.

'Be ready to take on BJP'

Satish Jarkiholi tells Congress workers

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (GA & BS)- Former Minister and KPCC Working President Satish Jarkiholi has given a call to the party workers to actively face the elections with full vigour, as SC/ ST voters play a decisive role in several constituencies of the State.

Jarkiholi, who spoke after inaugurating election related preparatory meeting organised by ST Wing of Mysore City and District Congress Committee, at Congress Bhavan in the city on Friday, sought the cooperation of all, for the party to win the forthcoming elections to Legislative Assembly scheduled to be held on May 10. It is only Congress party that can ensure social security to ST community, he added.

Sixteen Block Congress Committees under Mysuru District Congress Rural Committee and six of City, and all the front-line wings should actively participate in the election. The coming 40 days will be busy in the hustings and the party workers should work with utmost honesty without succumbing to any pressure or allurements, said Jarkiholi.

The BJP MLAs themselves are unaware about how to implement reservation, but the party has stooped low to win the elections on the basis of lies. The Congress workers must be prepared to fight them like soldiers and win the elections, he advised.

"The Congress led UPA Government at the Centre had introduced many programmes for SC/ STs. During the rule of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah in the State, both the communities were given opportunities to travel abroad. Vidyasiri Student Scholarship Scheme was introduced to help the students pursue education. Now, an inevitable situation has been created, where we have to go to the doorstep of the people and inform them about the benefits extended by the party to SC/ ST communities. We have to kindle hopes among the people about building the life of common man," opined Jarkiholi.

Parliamentary in-Charge M.K. Raghavan also spoke. MLAs H.P. Manjunath, Anil Chikkamadu and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, District Rural Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar City Congress President R. Murthy, K.R. Nagar Congress candidate D. Ravishankar, former MLA M. K. Somashekar, KPCC ST Wing President Palaiah, Mahila KPCC President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, ticket aspirants Harish Gowda and Mavinahalli Siddegowda, KPCC General Secretary S.C. Basavaraj, City Congress Committee ST Wing President Rohit and District ST Wing President Narayana and others were present on the occasion.

250 application forms for Chinnara Mela sold out

Last date to submit filled-in applications Apr. 5

Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati verifying the documents of the children before issuing the applications for the 'Chinnara Mela' summer fest at the Rangayana premises in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (MTY&KS)- The application forms for 'Chinnara Mela,' conducted by city's theatre repertory Rangayana at its premises from Apr. 10 to May 5 have been sold out. Only 250 applications were issued. The theme for this year's mela is 'Namma Tainela' (Our Motherland).

As the popular annual summer fest for children is being held after a gap of three years due to COVID pandemic (there was no Chinnara Mela in 2020, 2021 and 2022), parents began to line up at Rangayana on Friday night itself to make sure that they get the application.

As soon as the Rangayana Office opened at 10 am yesterday, 250 applications were sold at a cost of Rs. 100 each in one and-a-half hours. To prevent rush, only 250 people who were waiting in the queue were allowed and the rest were sent back.

The forms were issued based on eligibility and after checking the age (7 to 14 years) and other details of the applicant children. The applications were checked by Rangayana officials led by Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati.

The filled-in forms must be submitted along with the required documents at Rangayana office before 5 pm on Apr. 5. The entrance fee for every child is Rs. 3,000 which should be paid in the form of a DD drawn in favour of Deputy Director, Rangayana, Mysuru.

Dr. Jagjivan Ram and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti

DC asks not to make political speeches during celebrations

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra addressing the preliminary meeting at the DC's Office in city yesterday as Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri and other officials look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (MTY&TRR)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra has said that the Birth Anniversary (Jayanti) celebrations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram must be observed meaningfully without violating the existing pre-poll Code of Conduct.

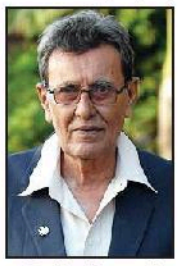
He was speaking at a preliminary meeting convened by the District Administration and Social Welfare Department at the DC Office in city yesterday to discuss about the preparations to be made for Dr. Jagjivan Ram Jayanti celebrations on Apr. 5 and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti on Apr. 14.

Dr. Rajendra pointed out that the Model Code of Conduct is already in force on the State and all concerned organisations should cooperate and ensure that there are no political speeches during the celebrations.

"Birth Anniversary celebrations of great men should not be restricted to one place or one section of the society. Everyone should try to understand and follow their ideals. All Government officials must attend the function without fail. The statues and busts of these two great men must be cleaned regularly," the DC directed.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO K.M. Gayathri, Additional DC Kavitha Rajaram, District Social Welfare Officer Rangegowda and leaders of various communities were present.

Former Indian cricketer Salim Durani dies at 88



Salim Durani

Jamnagar, Apr. 2- Salim Durani, the Indian cricketer of the 1960s with a penchant for hitting monstrous sixes on demand, passed away this morning. He was 88.

He was living with his brother, Jahangir Durani, in Gujarat's Jamnagar and had undergone a surgery for thigh bone fracture in January this year.

Durani played 29 Tests for India and took 75 wickets, with the best bowling figure of 10 for 177. With the bat in hand, he scored 1,202 runs with the highest score of 104 against West Indies in 1962.

The former left handed all-rounder was famous for his heroic performance in India's series victory against England in 1961-62. He scalped eight and ten wickets in Kolkata and Chennai Tests to guide India to a 2-0 series victory.

Durani made his Test debut against Australia in the beginning of 1960 at Mumbai's Brabourne Stadium, and played his last international match against England in February 1973.

The stylish cricketer aggregated 8,545 runs at 33.37 in first-class cricket and hit 14 hundreds. He was the country's first Arjuna Awardee in cricket.

Salim Durani had also starred in the Bollywood film 'Charitra' in 1973, opposite famous actress of the '70s and '80s, Parveen Babi.

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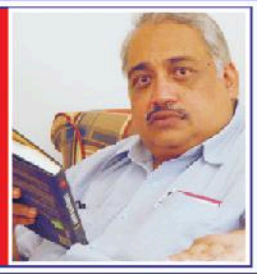
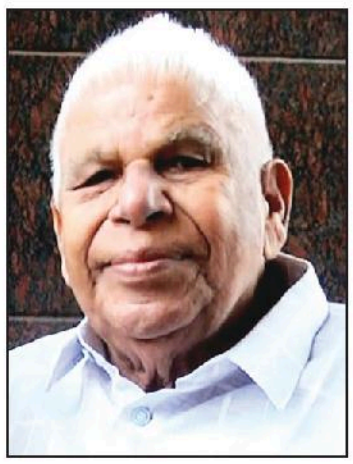
Over a cup of evening Tea



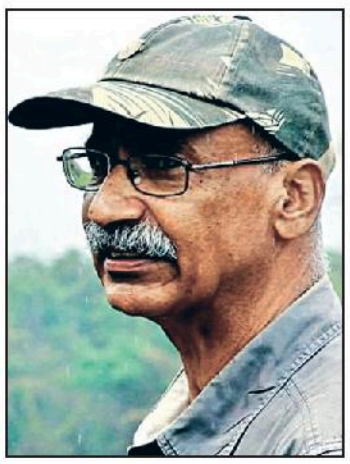
By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

A gentle soul, greatly missed!

The recent passing away of **Prof. K.V. Joseph,** a very well-known and much-loved teacher of Botany at the equally well-known **St. Philomena's College,** here in Mysuru, is indeed a great loss, not only to his family and friends but also to the large fraternity of his students, who are now spread across the world, with many of them holding very important positions in their lives.



K.V. Joseph, the Botany teacher



K.M. Chinnappa, the wildlife man

The reason why Nagarahole forest, in particular, was Prof. KV's favourite destination for his Botanical excursions was because it had as its caretaker and Range Forest Officer, K.M. Chinnappa, a complete outdoors man. So at every visit to Nagarahole, this gentleman would lead our group, pointing out to us the various plants and trees and their characteristics, just like another teacher of Botany. But, unlike our teacher, he would suddenly switch from being teacher of Botany and become a teacher of Zoology, the moment he heard the call of a barbet or langoor, when he would start telling us all about them and their behaviour!

A most mild and gentle natured man, he held on to his cool composure and disarming smile, all along his life, through times both happy and sad, accepting everything as it came, as a God-given part of life. His family members and relatives too, who all through his life, flocked around him, never for a moment letting him feel left out or lonely, always made him feel well-loved and looked after. My family and I used to join them every year, in celebrating his birthdays, which he used to look forward to and enjoy very much.

When he bid good-bye, he was a full ninety-four years young, smiling man! So, naturally, to me, his demise comes across as a very sad personal loss, considering the very deep personal relationship that existed between us, as teacher and the taught, over the past fifty-two years. He was one of my teachers from the very first day I set foot into my college, as a PUC student, in the year 1970 and this formal relationship lasted for a full five years, as I went on to do my BSc., course, as a student of Chemistry, Botany and Zoology.

This period, which may seem quite long to you but which I can only call very brief, was the time frame that cemented an intense relationship of love and affection between us, which lasted till his very last day. **He was there by my side when I entered college and I was there by his side when he departed from this world!**

I started off as a student of Botany, for what should have been only five years, the tenure of my formal learning process in college but very strangely, I have continued to remain a student of Botany to this day. And, till his very last days, Prof. KV, as we all fondly called him, remained a mentor and teacher of Botany for me. I am saying this because, although I became a doctor, studying many other subjects far drawn from Botany and acquiring the qualifications that I now hold, I'm still studying Botany, each passing day, to this day!

Yes, I still buy and read books on the subject and I am never satisfied till I can study and identify a new and unfamiliar plant that I see anywhere. I still collect botanical specimens from wherever I see them and try to accommodate them in our already overcrowded garden, which now resembles the Amazon rainforest. That was the kind of love for the subject my teacher instilled into me by his unique way of teaching and treating me as more of a friend than just a student.

The cementing process that I have talked of, which drew us very close to each other, started probably because of my love for the wilderness, but it certainly survived because of his intense love for teaching any receptive student. Although we had some very great souls who taught us not just Botany but many other subjects in college remarkably well, he was the man who would always take us on botanical excursions with unfailing regularity not only to the wooded outskirts of the city but also to the depths of the Bandipur and Nagarahole wildlife sanctuaries and sometimes even to faraway places like Kodaikanal.

And, mind you, at every one of these, visits, it used to be only trekking on foot, with absolutely no riding in safari vehicles, as is the norm now.

Sadly, he had a very severe and persistent skin allergy to leech bites but that only seemed to intensify his love for the most leech-infested areas of the forests he visited, instead of deterring him from going there! Unlike Bandipur, which stood on drier terrain, the more humid Nagarahole, was very heavily infested with these blood-thirsty denizens of the woodlands and still it was Nagarahole that drew Prof KV, like the way nectar draws honey bees!

Long after his teaching days, I was still treating his leech-bite allergy that seemed to flare up from time to time, as if to remind him that it was time for him to go back to the forest!

The reason why Nagarahole forest, in particular, was his favourite destination for his botanical excursions was because it had as its caretaker and Range Forest Officer (RFO), **K.M. Chinnappa**, who certainly deserves a mention here. This tall, lean and wiry man, with his unusually pleasant disposition and disarming smile, was a very close friend of my father and uncle which is also why his territory was our favourite family destination for us too on weekends.

Chinnappa, who was a complete outdoors man, was a very close friend and admirer of Prof. KV because he understood the importance of teaching Botany to students, by exposing them to their subjects, rather than only as dry subjects, through their textbooks, in the confines of their classrooms.

So at every visit to Nagarahole, this humble and unassuming gentleman would always lead our group, pointing out to us the various plants and trees and their characteristics, just like another teacher of Botany. **Yes, through his long and constant interaction with Prof. KV, he had even come to know which plants, shrubs and trees were included in our current syllabus!**

But, unlike our teacher, he would suddenly switch from being teacher of Botany and become a teacher of Zoology, the moment he heard the call of a barbet or langoor, when he would start telling us all about them and their behaviour! This man, for whom wildlife always came first, all through his life, now spends his retirement, nurturing an **NGO** called **Wildlife First,** in Bengaluru.

Prof. KV had understood the Botany kink in me so well that he would on many occasions visit my home or clinic with a pocketful of seeds of different kinds. Laying them before me on a table, he would very patiently and painstakingly tell me what they were, along with the details of the families they belonged to and he would also tell me from where he collected them. If they happened to be from a tree or plant close by, he would offer to take me there and show their sources.

And, off we would go in my car, happy to be doing what we were, far from the rest of the so-called sane world! **Many of the seeds collected from those meetings and outings, I have planted in the nooks and corners of our coffee estate, where they are now enriching the local biodiversity.**

One evening, my teacher came to my house in great excitement, with a huge mango-like fruit in one hand and a small sapling in the other, neither of which I had ever seen in my life. In a conspiratorial tone, as if he was afraid that someone might overhear him, he told me that this was **Cerebra odollam**, the dreaded homicide tree that in the medieval times of kings and queens, used to be employed in his native State, Kerala, to murder someone by mixing its juice with their food. With a mischievous smile and an even fainter whisper, he went on to tell me how exactly it was used, by masking its taste, to make it do its deadly job, unsuspected and undetected.

I quickly picked up both his macabre gifts and hurrying to our estate the very next day, I planted both the seed and sapling in a place that only I know of now!

Now, how's that for keeping secrets, between student and teacher!

Cerebra odallum fruit and its seeds.

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Cycle Pure Agarbathi ITF Mysuru Open 2023

George Loffhagen wins Singles crown

Mukund-Vishnu pair bags Doubles title

George Loffhagen

Mysuru, Apr. 2- Unseeded George Loffhagen of Britain bagged the Singles title of the Cycle Pure Agarbathi ITF Mysuru Open 2023 by defeating Australia's 8th seed Ellis Blake 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 in the finals held at the Mysore Tennis Club (MTC) this morning.

DOUBLES

India's Mukund Sasikumar and Vishnu Vardhan showed admirable enduring powers while bagging the Doubles title of the Cycle Pure Agarbathi ITF Mysuru Open 2023 yesterday.

In the final, they defeated top seeded Indian pair of B. Ritvick Choudary and Nikki Poonacha 6-3, 6-4 in 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Mukund and Vishnu warded off seven break points in the match while they converted two opportunities to break their opponents to ease their way to the title.

In a glittering awards ceremony, Manoj Kumar, the Secretary of MTC, handed over the trophy to the winners.

In fact, it was the second match of the day for Mukund and Vishnu and they showed great powers of concentration to stay focused on the task. They also won more than 80 percent of points on both first and second serves, indicating the consistency in their game.

Earlier in the day, Mukund and Vishnu romped into the Doubles final upsetting second seeded Australia-Ukraine pair of Blake Ellis and Vladyslav Orlov 6-4, 7-5.

Mukund Sasikumar & Vishnu Vardhan, who won the Doubles title of Cycle Pure Agarbathi ITF Mysuru Open 2023, are seen with the Tournament Director Peter Vijay Kumar (extreme left) during the presentation ceremony at Mysore Tennis Club yesterday.

TODAY'S RESULTS
SINGLES (FINALS)

George Loffhagen **BEAT** Ellis Blake	4-6, 6-2, 7-6

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
SINGLES (SEMI-FINALS)

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Ellis Blake **BEAT** Oliver Crawford	7-5, 6-3

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Ramothsava Sangeethotsava: Day 2

Palghat Ramprasad crafts a model concert

Vid. Palghat Ramprasad presenting a vocal recital at Sangeethotsava - 2023, a series of concerts organised as part of 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations by Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust at Alamma's Choultry in Srirampet on Mar. 31. He is accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Anantha R. Krishnan on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata.

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

If you are looking for a peaceful traditional concert with no gimmicks but also without a single dull moment, then **Vid. Palghat Ramprasad** is the answer. This youth who is the grandson of the mridanga maestro Palghat Mani Iyer mesmerised the audience with his enviably masculine voice and traditional rendering on Friday evening at Alamma's Choultry. Ramprasad was accompanied by **Vid. H.N. Bhaskar** on violin, **Vid. Anantha R. Krishnan** on mridanga and **Vid. Giridhar Udupa** on ghata.

Rising to the occasion, Ramprasad chose all his compositions on Lord Rama and made a sincere attempt to do justice to each one of them. After a crisp rendition of the attatala varna in Kanada, he quickly picked Tyagaraja's popular 'Brovabarama' in Bahudari and did a surprising neraval at the pallavi, which is rare to hear. His variety in neraval development reminds one of Palghat K.V. Narayanaswamy and his swara kalpana that of Madhurai Mani Iyer. Deekshitar's 'Mamava Pattabhirama' in Manirang was gratifying, each syllable clear in music and diction. Ramprasad's adroit handling of different segments in Poorvikalyani witnessed in his long phrases and easily executed brikas was a proof of his creative mind. 'Rama Mantrava Japiso' in this raga especially taken up as a main item for the evening brought huge smiles in the audience. This devaranama of Purandara Dasa usually sung in Jonpuri was presented in an appreciative pace in Purvikalyani by the artiste, also bringing out the not-very-familiar other charanas of the song. Neraval at the first line of the pallavi dealt in detail was yet another surprise bringing out the quintessential shades of musical ecstasy and the listeners enjoyed it thoroughly to the last twang. Bhaskar's accompaniment, frequently acknowledged by the vocalist, stuck to the vocalist's style bringing out melodious joy. Anantha Krishnan graciously allowed Giridhar to play for the vocalist too, though the normal practice is the ghata player plays for the violinist. The pace throughout the composition was amazingly and majestically maintained by the vocalist, though he was at times dodged by his co-artistes to sing faster. 'Needayaraada' in Vasantabhairavi by Tyagaraja made a good filler before the RTP in Bilahari. Ramprasad sang a short raga allowing Bhaskar to complete after which he sang the tanam. The tanam was accompanied by the mridanga and in the latter half of the tanam, Ramprasad took to speed breaking the monotony. The pallavi set to Trishra Triputa Tala in Khanda nadai with the lyrics 'Rajeevalochana Sri Rama Raja Raja Shoronmani' showcased good elaboration in manodharma with ragamalika swaras in Hindola, Begade and Shubhapantuvarali, each of them bringing applause from the pleased listeners. Taniyavartanam by Anantha and Giridhara was vibrant and rhythmic.

Ramprasad concluded the concert with two rare compositions — 'Dasharathasuta Suraga Nanata' in Jonpuri by Sri Vanamamalai Jeeyar Swamy and 'Haridasulu vedale' in Yamankalyani by Tyagaraja.

Violin duet at Bidaram Krishnappa's Mandira

Vid. K.J. Dilip and Vidu. Ila Sangeetha Dilip presenting violin duet concert at Ganavisharadha Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira in Devaraja Mohalla yesterday as part of the ongoing 107th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival. They are accompanied by Vid. Cheluvaraju on mridanga, Vid. N. Gurumurthy on ghata and Vid. Sunad Anoor on kanjira.

WORD OF THE DAY

Symbiosis

Pronunciation: sim-bee-OH-sis.
Meaning: In the field of biology, symbiosis refers to the relationship between two different kinds of living things that live together and depend on each other. In broader, non-scientific contexts, symbiosis means "a cooperative relationship," such as between two persons or groups.
Origin: Symbiosis was adopted by the scientific community in the late 1800s, coming ultimately (via German) from the Greek symbíōsis, meaning "living together, companionship." Of course, there are a lot of ways to live together and, accordingly, several flavors of symbiosis. When a biological symbiosis between two organisms is mutually beneficial, it is termed mutualism. For example, oxpeckers are birds so named because they "peck" ticks off of infested cattle and wild mammals, a likely satisfying arrangement for both parties, and textbook mutualism. When one organism lives off another at the other's expense, however (as, for one icky instance, head lice do), it's called parasitism. If only parents of elementary school students could call upon an equivalent of oxpeckers to engage in mutualistic symbiosis when the need arose, but alas.

THE ODD WORD

Salsipotent

Ruling the salt seas.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Seen better days

Meaning: To have been more wealthy or in better condition in former times.
Origin: When it was first coined this phrase referred to people who had fallen on hard times, having previously been wealthy. More recently, the phrase is more often used to describe objects which are worn-out than people who are impoverished. The line is first recorded in the play Sir Thomas More, 1590: "Hauing seene better dayes, now know the lack Of glorie that once rearde eche high-fed back." That work is anonymous but has been, at least in part, attributed to William Shakespeare. Shakespeare certainly did like the line and used it in several plays, for example, Timon of Athens, 1607: FLAVIUS: Good fellows all,
The latest of my wealth I'll share amongst you.
Wherever we shall meet, for Timon's sake,
Let's yet be fellows; let's shake our heads, and say,
As 'twere a knell unto our master's fortunes,
'We have seen better days.' Let each take some;
Nay, put out all your hands. Not one word more:
Thus part we rich in sorrow, parting poor.

QUOTE BOX

Only he who has seen better days and lives to see better days again knows their full value. **—Mark Twain**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

NIGHT FLY

Answer: Fly by night.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Meat from cattle
5 Cereal grass
8 Cambodian monetary unit
12 Hugs, takes one to one's bosom
13 One in Bonn
14 Mine, in Aix
15 Citizen of Greece's capital
17 Governess
19 The villain in Othello
20 Chaps
22 Berlin Olympic star Jesse ___
26 Notions
29 Metal spike
30 Snippets of information
31 Himalayan country
33 Observe secretively or furtively especially with hostile intent
34 One never wants to commit one (1,3)
36 Implores or petitions
38 All __ ___ : confused? (2,3)
40 From (2,2)
41 Cook
43 Courage
47 Jubilant
51 Amer Inst. of Aero. & Astro.
52 Bollywood star ___ Dhupia
53 Convey
54 One who performs or acts
55 Japanese currency
56 Double digits

DOWN
1 Legume seed
2 Jane Austen novel
3 Poetically black
4 Outer edge
5 Record company ___ Victor
6 Abominable snowmen
7 Ms Deol or Ms Gupta of Bollywood
8 Fame
9 Three for Tiberius
10 Girl's name
11 Sir ____ Hutton : all time great cricketer?
16 Self-esteem
18 Chinese money
21 River of Flanders
23 Effortless
24 Bites or nibbles at
25 Wily and cunning
26 Short for 'this month'
27 "Said" to change a platform?
28 Talks noisily or foolishly
30 Alcoholic Anonymous Association, should we say?
32 Author Hubbard (1,3)
35 Divine beverage
37 Enough is as good as ___ _____? (1,5)
39 Puzzle solver's cry
40 Blazing
42 English painter
44 Hoar-frost
45 Conceited
46 ___ one's words : takes back what one said rather abjectly?
47 Come to a full stop
48 Corp. bigwig
49 A female person
50 Is able

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	G	E	S	■	V	I	C	I	■	E	V	E
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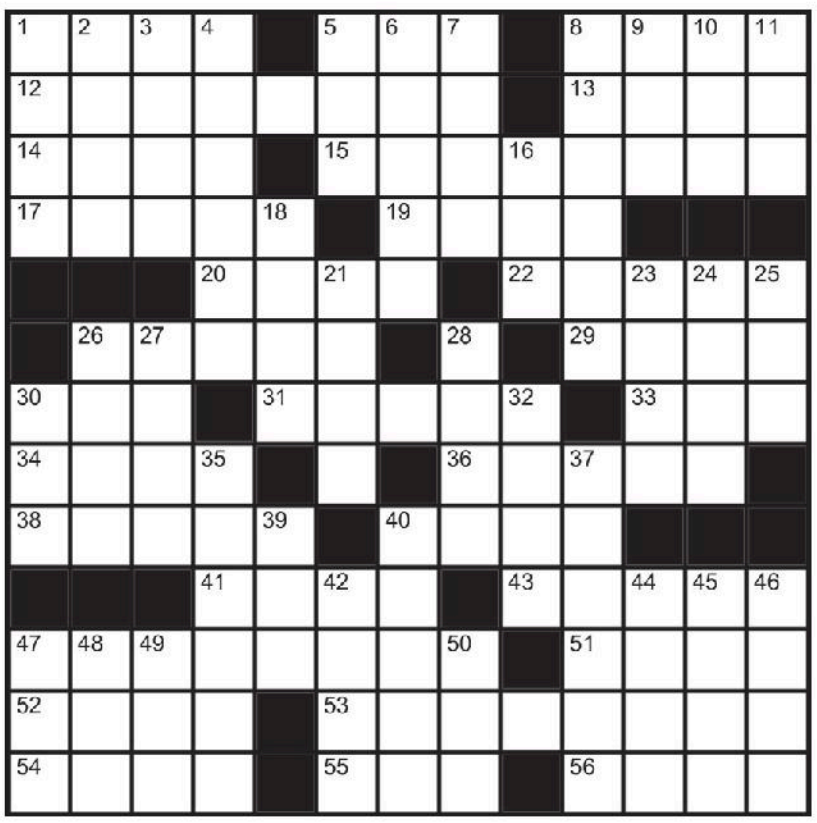

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	4						3	
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4							7	
				5	2	4		

Answer to previous puzzle

6	8	9	1	5	2	4	7	3
2	5	3	9	7	4	6	1	8
4	7	1	6	3	8	2	5	9
9	4	2	5	6	3	7	8	1
3	1	8	7	4	9	5	6	2
7	6	5	2	8	1	3	9	4
1	9	7	4	2	6	8	3	5
8	2	6	3	1	5	9	4	7
5	3	4	8	9	7	1	2	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HJDA QU AJL NUL RB D JRNUL QB CRN JDYLF'A ORA

D ARWLMDEWL TWDFLA AR TNA QA RF?

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The empires of the future are the empires of the mind.

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John Wick Chapter 4 (E)	(S-1)	10.10 am; (S-4) 9.55 pm
Kabza (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-1)	4.05pm,7.05pm,10.05pm
	(S-2)	10.30 am
Bholaa (H-3D)	(S-2)	1.35 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Viduthalai Part 1 (Ta)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among (E)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-4)	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.55 pm

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Bholaa (H)	:	10 am, 3.40 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.15 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 12.50 pm, 3.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.10 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Dasara (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 3.15 pm, 6.15 pm
Kabzaa (K)	:	1.00 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	6.15 pm, 9.15 pm

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		6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Dasara (Te)	:	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 3.35 pm
		7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Dasara (H)	:	10.30 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	:	9.20 am, 3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 12.55 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 12.50 pm, 4.05 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 4.20 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Dungeons & Dragons (E)	:	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm

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Dasara (Te)	:	9.05 am, 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Dasara (K)	:	3:25 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	9.45 am, 12.35 pm, 4.10 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	:	12.20 pm
Bholaa (H)	:	1.00 pm, 4.10 pm,
		7.20 pm, 10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 2)

- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** Ramothsava - 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' Discourse on 'Ramayana' by K. Ramachandra, retd. Engineer, Rama Mandira, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vocal Concert by Vid. Ashwath Narayan accompanied by Vid. Vishwesh Chandrashekar on violin, Vid. K.V. Prasad on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Alamma's Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Music Lovers Group:** 'Geethsangam April 2023,' a musical programme based on old Kannada and Hindi film songs, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm to 8.45 pm.**
- **Adamya Rangashale, Mysuru:** Valedictory of theatre training camp and staging of play 'Uru Suttaru Hanumappa Horaga,' directed by Vinod C. Mysore, orator Prof. M. Krishegowda presides, Devaraja ACP Shanthamallappa distributes certificates, V-CARE Founder-President Dr. Kumudini Achchi chief guest, Sri Kuvempu Rangamandira, Sri Vivekananda PU College, Jayalakshmipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Shivakantanandaji speaks on 'Bhaktiya Mahime,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira and Raaga Music Academy, Mysuru:** 107th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, grand vocal concert by Vidu. Gayathri Venkatraghavan from Chennai, Mandira premises, Devaraja Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 70th Ramotsava, Classical Vocal Concert by Vid. Dr. Suchethan Rangaswamy, Bengaluru, accompanied by Vid. Sumanth Manjunath on violin, Vid. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Bhaktavrinda Seva Trust:** 22nd Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Bhajans by R. Lalitha and disciples, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Sri Rama Mandira, 11th Main Road, E-Block, J.P. Nagar, **8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 3)

- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 70th Ramotsava, Mahanyasapoorvaka Ekadashavara Rudrabhisheka and Satyanarayana Puja, **8 am;** Vocal duet by Vidu. Vipanchi Raghuram, Bengaluru and Vidu. Mahatee Raghuram, Mysuru, accompanied by Vid. Amogh Nadadur on violin and Vid. S. Kumaraswamy on mridanga, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Bhaktavrinda Seva Trust:** 22nd Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Sri Hanumanthotsava, **8 am;** Rathotsava, **11.30 am;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **12 noon;** Uyyalotsava to Lord Rama, Shayanotsava, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Sri Rama Mandira, 11th Main Road, E-Block, J.P. Nagar, **8 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations, 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' Discourse on 'Ramayana' by K. Ramachandra, retd. Engineer, Rama Mandira, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vocal Duet by Malladi Brothers — Vid. Malladi Sreeramprasad and Vid. Malladi Ravikumar — accompanied by Vid. Embar Kannan on violin, Vid. K.V. Prasad on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on kanjira, Alamma's Choultry, near Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru:** Violin recital by Vid. Sumanth Manjunath, **5.30 pm;** Book release — 'Sri Vidya Visharada Sri Jayachamarajendra Vaggeya Vaibhava' (authored by *Karnataka Kalashri Sangeetha Vidyanidhi* Vid. V. Nanjundaswamy) — by Internationally-acclaimed violinist brothers Mysore M. Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore M. Manjunath, Noopura Kalavidharu Samskruthika Trust Director Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao speaks about the book, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Pranth Sanghachalak M. Venkatram presides, Musicologist Vid. V. Nanjundaswamy and JSS Educational Institutions retired Librarian H.S. Umadevi Nanjundaswamy will be present, **6.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vid. Badri Divya Bhushan, Vid. K.R. Vishwa Deep, Vidu. Sindhu, Vidu. Jyothi Hegde and disciples, Vidu. Chethana Radhakrishna and disciples, Vidu. Anjana Bhushan and Vidu. Varija Nalige and disciples, Ramagovinda Rangamandira, Ganabharathi premises, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm.** [Mob: 94487-70741]
- **Ganavisharadha Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 107th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, grand vocal concert by Vid. Sandeep Narayan from Chennai, accompanied by Vid. Mathur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. Tumkur Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata, Mandira premises, Devaraja Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**

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		7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Bholaa (H-3D)	(S-1)	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 am, 4 pm, 7.10 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am, 7.30 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-4)	4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Kabzaa (K)	(S-4)	1.35 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	(S-3)	10.20 pm

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Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 12.45 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.00 pm
Bhoola (H-3D)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-1)	4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.05 am
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-1)	10.15 am
	(S-4)	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Dungeons & Dragons (E)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 7.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Yoga Camp from Apr. 2

Mysuru, Apr. 2- Belaku Foundation, Mysuru, will be organising a 45-day free Yoga Camp starting from April 7 at Chandramouleshwara Prarthana Mandira in Shivarampet here. Yoga expert Jagannath Shetty will conduct the classes from 10 am to 11 am on all the days.

For registration and more details, contact Mob: 92427-72919 or 99805-69117, according to a press release.

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TODAY'S MATCHES (APRIL 2)

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M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 3)

CSK Vs **LSG** — 7.30 pm
M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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BEAT
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